

School Committee - Regular Meeting

May 7, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

Held in and broadcast from the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge, and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge. To sign up to call in using the ZOOM app on your computer or mobile device: visit www.cpsd.us/school_committee/virtual

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SUPPLEMENTAL

A G E N D A

1. Public Hearing on School Choice (3 minutes):

1 b. Public Comment (3 minutes)

2. Student School Committee Report:

3. Presentation of Records for Approval:

- March 26, 2024 Special Meeting (Budget Workshop)
- March 26, 2024 Special Meeting
- April 1, 2024 Special Meeting
- April 2, 2024 Regular Meeting
- April 2, 2024 Special Meeting
- April 23, 2024 Special Meeting

4. Reconsiderations: None

5. Unfinished Business/Calendar: None

6. Awaiting Reports: None

7. 7a. Superintendent’s Update:

School Youth Resource Officers

7b. Presentations:

Office of Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Update.....Manuel J Fernandez,
 Chief Equity Officer
 Dr. Leslie Jimenez,
 Director of Equity
 Dr. Raymond Porch,
 Director of Family & Community Engagement

7c. CPS District Plan: None

7d. Consent Agenda:

#24-063 Recommendation: SY2024/2025 State School Choice-Recommendation For Non-Participation

#24-064 Recommendation: Approval of the SY2024/2025 Cambridge Public Schools

District Calendar

- #24-065** Recommendation: FY23-24 General Fund Budget Statutory Transfers
- #24-066** Recommendation: Contract Award: New England Center for Children: Computer Software (FY25 Contract)
- #24-067** Recommendation: Contract Award: Renaissance: Computer Software (FY25 Contract)
- #24-068** Recommendation: Contract Award: PJ Systems DBA HiQ Computers Computer Software (FY25 Contract)
- #24-069** Recommendation: Contract Award: ExpertHiring: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY25)
- #24-070** Recommendation: Contract Award: Soliant Health: Special Education Staffing Services (FY25)
- #24-071** Recommendation: Contract Award: Ro Health LLC: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY25)
- #24-072** Recommendation: Contract Award: Precision HR Solutions, Inc.: Special Education Staffing Services (FY25)
- #24-073** Recommendation: Contract Award: Precision HR Solutions, Inc.: Special Education Staffing Services
- #24-074** Recommendation: Contract Award: EI US, LLC: Special Education Services (FY25 Contract)
- #24-075** Recommendation: Contract Award: EI US, LLC: Special Education Services
- #24-076** Recommendation: Contract Award: Amergis Educational Staffing: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY25)
- #24-077** Recommendation: Contract Award: Amergis Educational Staffing: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services
- #24-078** Recommendation: Contract Award: Norton & Associates: Special Education Temporary Staffing Services (FY25)
- #24-079** Recommendation: Contract Award: Cambridge Center for Neuropsychology & Learning: Special Education Services (FY25)
- #24-080** Recommendation: Contract Award: Dr. Zainali Hussain: Tutoring Services (FY 25)
- #24-081** Recommendation: Contract Award: Curriculum Associates: Computer Software
- #24-082** Recommendation: Contract Award: CDW Government LLC: Computer Software (FY25 Contract)
- #24-083** Recommendation: Contract Award: Cartwheel Health Services P.C.: Mental Health Services (FY Contract)
- #24-084** Recommendation: Contract Award: Branching Minds: Computer Software

- #24-085 Recommendation: Contract Award: Baystate Interpreters: Translation Services (FY Contract)
- #24-086 Recommendation: Contract Award: Boston Behavior Learning: Special Education Services
- #24-087 Recommendation: Contract Award: Boston Tutoring Services: Special Education Services (FY25)
- #24-088 Recommendation: Contract Award: Aperture Education: Computer Software (FY25 Contract)
- #24-089 Recommendation: Contract Award: Follett School Solutions: Library Books (FY25 Contract)
- #24-090 Recommendation: Contract Award: Easter Seals: Special Education Staffing Services (FY25 Contract)
- #24-091 Recommendation: Contract Award: The Stepping Stones Group: Special Education Staffing Services (FY25 Contract)
- #24-092 Recommendation: Contract Award: The Young People's Project: Professional Development
- #24-093 Recommendation: Contract Award: BCM Controls: Security Maintenance & Upgrade-Amended
- #24-094 Recommendation: Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts
- #24-095 Recommendation: Grant Award: Gene Haas Foundation (SC24145)
- #24-096 Recommendation: Grant Award: Cambridge Hospital Legacy Project (SC23177)-Increase
- #24-097 Recommendation: Grant Award: Afghan Refugee Support (SC24779)
- #24-098 Recommendation: Grant Award: FY24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) (SC24605)-Increase
- #24-099 Recommendation: Grant Award: FY24 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Early Childhood (SC24607)-Increase

8. Non-Consent Agenda:

9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information):

#24-100 Motion by Member Rachel

WHEREAS: School Committee [policy ABA](#) notes the Committee's commitment to seeking and encouraging public participation in the body's decision-making processes; and
WHEREAS: The body's Rules do not specify when meeting registration opens to the public, but past practice has been two days before the meeting; and
WHEREAS: The Committee intends to remove barriers to participation; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That meeting registration and public comment sign-up will be available to all members of the public beginning at the time a meeting is officially noticed with an agenda or designated purpose.

#24-101 Motion by Member Harding

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Schools is committed to fostering a collaborative relationship with parents and caregivers and;

WHEREAS: The School Committee is aware of the many challenges of managing family schedules; and

WHEREAS: The new school schedules will be implemented in the 2024-2-025 school year; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee is interested in learning more about the feedback from CPSD families regarding the implementation of the new school schedules; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: Requests from the Superintendent a report on the communications outreach to CPSD families regarding the new school schedules including the communications schedule, outreach mechanisms, and the number of families engaged in related events and/or communications.

#24-102 Motion by Member Harding

WHEREAS: The School Committee is committed to the vision of CPSD's [The Village](#) of an anti-racist district that works in partnership and shared ownership with caregivers of color, co-creating authentic environments that unleash the capacity of our young people, caregivers, and system; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee wants to help ensure that this important work is having an impact and making a positive difference with CPSD families and students; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee requests an update on The Village's current programming, the impact of its programming, and the number of CPSD families and students who are participating in its programs.

#24-103 Motion by Member Harding

WHEREAS: The School Committee is committed to ensuring that CPSD families and students are well served; and

WHEREAS: CPSD colleagues serving in the critical roles of the Superintendent's Executive Leadership team are instrumental in the furthering the district's vision of "delivering an excellent education that inspires, acknowledges, empowers, and supports every student on their personal journey to achieve their highest potential in and beyond school and as productive members of their communities"; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the School Committee requests a confidential update of the beginning and end dates of the employment contracts for members of the Executive Leadership team. This update should include any language that pertains to contract extensions and terminations.

10. Resolutions (letters of congratulations, letters of condolences):

11. Announcements:

12. Late Orders: None

13. Communications and Reports from City Officers: None